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Hundreds of balloons float into the sky at Tupelo as the Acteens convention comes to an end. The theme of the conven-

tion was "Celebrate," and the theme for the final session was "Celebrate . . . As We Go."



Jan Cossitt, Acteens consultant for the Mississippi Baptist Woman's Missionary Union, discusses the schedule with an overflow crowd of Acteens at First Church, Tupelo. Estimations were that about 1,500 girls attended the convention.



Program personalities at the state Acteens Convention at First Church, Tupelo, discuss activities of the day. Left to right are Jan Cossitt, state Acteens consultant who directed the convention program; Dottie Williamson of Richmond, Va., a home missionary;

Rebecca Williams, wife of Pastor Billy Williams of First Church, Gautier; Cindy Pelpfrey, Acteens leader at First Church, Columbus; and Marilyn Graves, missionary to Chile.



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Commissioning the 1988 Acteen Activators was a highlight of the Acteen convention. Marjean Patterson, WMU executive director-treasurer, presides over the commissioning service. There were 13 teams commissioned. Activators are older Acteens who volunteer and pay their own ways to serve one or two weeks in home missions areas. They go through 50 hours of training in preparation for their service.

Editorials . . . by Don McGregor

House passes advertising repeal

The annual bill that would allow advertising alcohol in the state has made a step toward passage. It has been adopted by the House of Representatives. It still must pass the Senate and receive the governor's signature.

There was a move to reconsider it in the House. It was tabled.

Even though the future of the bill is uncertain, steps need to be made to obtain its defeat.

Those legislators who would seek to get the bill passed come up with all sorts of excuses as to why they support the removal of the ban on liquor advertising. The only real reason has to be money in somebody's pocket.

For sure, the removal of the ban on liquor advertising would result in selling more liquor. In the past there has been the argument that advertising would be one brand trying to establish itself as superior to another and would not increase sales. But that, of course, is a silly argument. Advertising is going to increase sales. That is the reason for advertising.

And it is certain that everyone, friend and foe alike of the bill to lift the ban, would agree that more liquor sales is not what Mississippi needs.

Seeking to lift the ban, however, has other serious implications. Liquor sales are illegal in Mississippi. In order to be able to have legal liquor sales, a political entity has to vote to

"come out from under" the legal ban on liquor.

That is sort of local option in reverse, for in most states if liquor is illegal it is illegal. In those states where it is legal, a political entity can vote to make it illegal. That is local option. It is the other way around in Mississippi.

So if the ban on liquor advertising were to be lifted, the state's newspapers and broadcast media would be faced with calls to advertise an illegal product.

It would be advertised in dry areas as well as wet.

Senators need to be contacted immediately with the request to oppose this bill that would lift the ban on alcohol advertising.

The vote in the House was 64 to 52.

Those who voted for lifting the advertising ban were Alford, Blackmon, Brown, Bryan, Buckley, Buelow, Burdine, Calhoun, Capps, Clarke, Compretta, Diaz, Ellerby, Ely, Endris, Endt, Flagg, Ford, Fortenberry, Frazier, Fredericks, George, D. L. Green, J. D. Green, Grisham, Guice, Haxton, Henderson, Hines, Holland, Horne, Jackson, Jones, King, Lancaster, Malone, McIngvale, Merideth, Mills, Moak, Nipper, Parker, Peranich, Perry, Poindexter, W. Robinson, Ross, Ryan, Savage, Schoby, M. L. Scott, Sheppard, Short, Simpson, Stevens,

Thomas, Underwood, Van Slyke, A. Walker, Walman, Watson, Wilkerson, Williams and Woods.

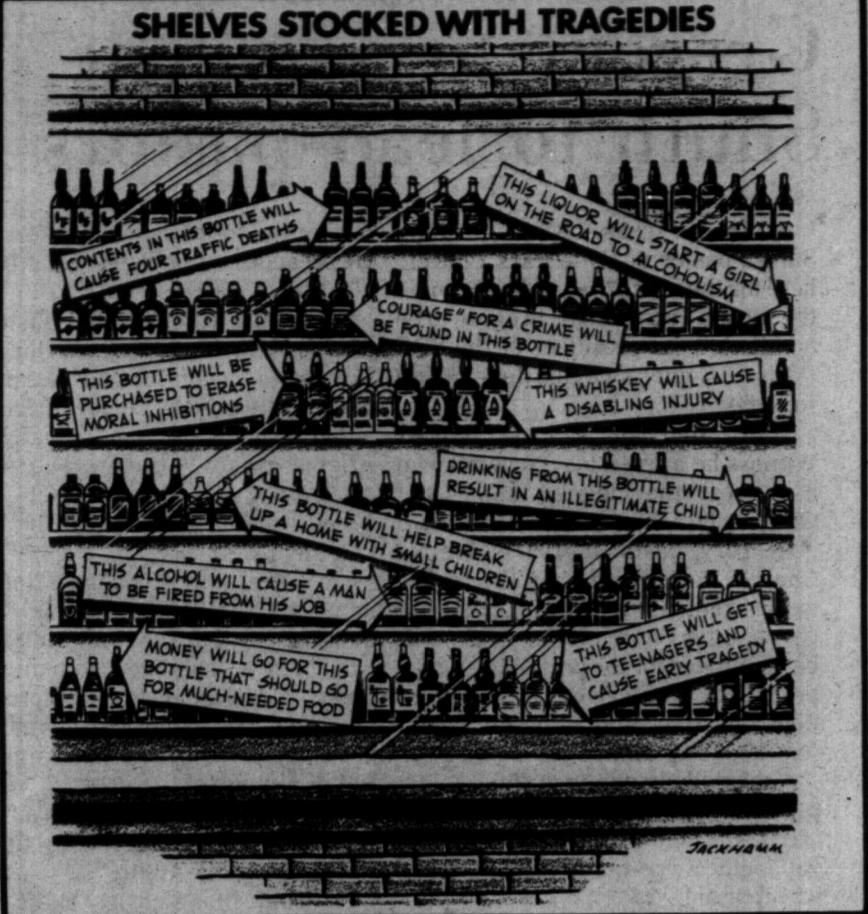
Those who voted against lifting the ban were Anderson, Bounds, Bowles, Britt, E. C. Clark, R. G. Clark, Cole, Comans, Dabbs, Denny, Ditto, Ellington, Foster, Furniss, Grist, Halbrook, Hanson, Holston, Lee, Livingston, Maples, McCoy, McCrory, McElwain, McMillan, Moody, Morris, Moss, Nettles, Pennebaker, Reeves, Reynolds, D. Robinson, Rogers, Scarborough, E. H. Scott, C. Simmons, M. Simmons, Singletary, Staples, Strubing, Stringer, Taylor, Townsend, Tyrone, Vince, Wadkins, Waldrup, B. Walker, Warren, Weissinger and Wheeler.

Present but not voting were Hebert, Netherland, Henry, Vecchio, and Young.

Not present or not voting was Ellis.

S. Gale Denley of Bruce, publisher of the Calhoun County Journal, joined in a lawsuit in 1978 claiming that the ban on advertising liquor is unconstitutional. He made his decision to do so on the basis of freedom of speech. He said later, "If it's bad to advertise liquor, maybe it's bad to sell liquor." He's right on both counts.

The Jackson Clarion-Ledger has joined in the effort to have the advertising ban removed, again because of the advertising dollars that would come their way if it were removed.



The paper claims that it is silly to have a ban on advertising whiskey and wine and not on beer. Perhaps that is true and we should also have a ban on advertising beer. In any event, two wrongs do not make a right.

Anti-litter bill

Another bill of interest is SB 2606, which has passed the Senate and gone to the House, where it has been

assigned to the Transportation Committee. That is the bill, establishing anti-litter conditions. The chairman of the House Transportation Committee is Rep. John D. Pennebaker of New Albany. Members are McCoy (vice-chairman), Bowles, Britt, Burdine, Ellis, Endris, Flagg, Furniss, George, Green (33rd), Hanson, Henderson, Lee, Malone, Maples, McMillan, Reeves, Robinson (63rd), Scarborough, Schoby, Scott (17th), Sheppard, Simpson, Taylor, Vince, Wadkins, Woods, and Young.

Guest opinion . . .

Barabbas: "The man who died in my place"

Text: Matthew 27:11-12
Topic: The Man Who Died in My Place
Purpose: To Cause people to realize that Jesus died in their place.

Supporting Scripture: Isaiah 53:4-5
 Surely He hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God and afflicted.

But he was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: The chastisement for our peace was upon him, and with his stripes we are healed.

By Alvis K. Cooper

Barabbas pulled his shoulders tightly together as if the move would bring warmth to his body. He had not slept well that night. Noises within the city during the early hours kept waking him as though in a dream. The place where he was lying had the smell of human waste, but there was no better place in the dungeon cell. Some prisoners did not even have a corner. Instead some were lying helpless in the center of the room. One man had died the night before. No one knew

that a large rat had eaten the lobe off his ear. The man had been beaten and thrown into the room. He had been too weak to keep the rats knocked away. He bled to death.

The chill of the morning had soaked Barabbas through to the bone. He was very cold. In the distance he could tell it was nearing dawn by the crowing of the roosters. Darkness hung over the cell even during daylight hours. On cloudy days one could barely tell night from day. The roosters were his only clock.

The noise in the city had become louder and now even louder. The governor's palace was not far from the prison. He could hear what seemed to be "crucify him, crucify him." The cry caused him to sink closer to the floor. Rumors were that this would be the night he would be put to death. The very idea of dying on a Roman cross made the death by the rats seem merciful.

He sat up as the keeper of the prison opened the outer door. He could hear the chains as they fell to the floor and the scream of the hinges on which the door rested as it swung open. The

sound horrified all of the prisoners. Soon the inner door was opened and several guards came in and took two of his friends. A guard who had lost most of his teeth smiled as a light flashed across his face. He looked right at Barabbas and laughed as if to say, "You will be next."

Barabbas thought back over recent days, even back to his childhood. His father had been a strict religious man and his mother had died when he was 12. He had rebelled against his father. He hated the religious leaders. He hated the Romans. In fact, he thought, I hate everything, everything but myself. I will take care of me. Taking care of himself had gotten him into trouble early in his life. He had done everything, disregarding all authority religious or civil. They were all cheats. He had murdered for profit; but that's no worse than the priest sleeping with whores and the Romans robbing everyone without mercy. He wasn't sorry for what he had done. He was better than the whole bunch.

His thoughts were startled to reality as he thought he heard his name be-

ing called out by a crowd. They must really want my hide he thought. His name could be heard called out amidst the cry of "Crucify him, crucify him."

The outer door opened again. He could hear the clanking of metal against metal as the guards approached the inner cell. He could hear the sound as the guard inserted the large metal key into the door. For awhile it seemed stuck. But the door swung open, and there stood the toothless guard grinning down at him. The light blinded him momentarily, and he put his arm over his eyes to shield out the light. The guard called out his name, "Barabbas, come with me!" Slowly he lifted himself to his feet. He felt weak. He had eaten very little.

The guards led him to the outer gate and walked with him to the entrance to the streets. They stood smiling. He did not understand. The smaller guard spoke to him jokingly, "You are free to go." Barabbas did not move. The guards laughed fervently, "Sure enough," said the toothless guard "You are free to go. The priest and

people you hate so much decided they would free you today. Instead they are going to put to death the lunatic called Jesus. You know the one. He's always reported to be healing people, the one who supposedly raised that man Lazarus from the dead. You know that fanatic who claims to be God! But, really, you are free."

Barabbas could hardly believe his ears. He could not believe he was free after doing all the things he had done. He was guilty of all charges. He could not believe the priests and rulers would do such a thing. He had heard of this radical, Jesus, but everything he had heard about the man was good. Barabbas rubbed his beard that was matted with filth. He could smell the odor of the prison floor still on him. What he needed was a bath.

The thought of bathing passed from his mind as a crowd came up the street. A man carrying a cross was struggling to walk between the Roman soldiers. As the man drew near he could see how he had been scourged. They had really gone all out on this fellow! Across his back were (Continued on page 12)

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Gregory to nominate Smith to lead pastors

AUSTIN, Texas (BP) — Ralph Smith, pastor of Hyde Park Church, here for the past 27 years, has become the second Texas pastor to agree to be nominated for president of the SBC Pastors' Conference this June in San Antonio.

Smith told the Florida Baptist Witness he agreed last November to a request that fellow Texan Joel Gregory be allowed to nominate him.

Gregory, pastor of Travis Avenue Church, Fort Worth, said the recent announcement Paul Powell, pastor of Green Acres Church, Tyler, Texas, will be nominated for the post made it "appropriate" to announce his own intentions ahead of time. "I had intended just to get up and do it," he added.

A third likely nominee, Tom Elliff, pastor of First Southern Church, Del City, Okla., told the Witness he has not yet decided whether he will allow his nomination.

Elliff, the brother-in-law of former Southern Baptist Convention President Bailey Smith and Smith's successor in the Del City pastorate, is the only one of the three possible nominees who is scheduled to speak.

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Everetts give trust funds to Clarke, Blue Mountain

Blue Mountain and Clarke Colleges are the recipients of more than \$28,000 each from the estate of the late G. J. and Belle Stroud Everett of Magee to be used for memorial scholarship trust funds.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett were natives of Magee and devoted their lives to the teaching profession — first in Simpson and Pearl River Counties and then for 25 years at Holmes Junior College where he served as dean, registrar,

and head of the education and psychology department and she as faculty member and dormitory advisor. Mrs. Everett who died June 5, 1987, at the age of 95 was preceded in death by Mr. Everett on June 23, 1973.

While teaching at Holmes Junior College in Goodman, they were both active in Goodman Church and later at First Church, Magee, after retirement.

His election as Southeastern president was recommended unanimously by the trustees' 12-member ex-

ecutive committee, which was the search committee.

The new president said his first task would be to fill faculty and staff vacancies. Morris Ashcraft has resigned as dean but will continue to teach.

Three presidential assistants also have resigned: Jerry Niswonger, student development; W. Robert Spinks, financial development; and Rodney V. Byard, communications.

Concerning his recommendation of faculty to the trustees, Drummond said these people will have to have academic qualifications and would have to adhere to biblical beliefs that have been approved by the trustees.

Drummond is a native of Dixon, Ill. He joined Southern Seminary as Billy Graham Professor in 1973 and was appointed director of the Billy Graham Center in 1981. He taught at Spurgeon's Theological College in London from 1968 to 1973, holding the chair of evangelism and practical theology, the first full professorship of evangelism in Europe.

He is a graduate of Samford University in Birmingham, Ala., and Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth,

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WMU convention: "The best part . . . to me"

By Anne W. McWilliams and Tim Nicholas

Women in attendance at the 109th annual meeting of Woman's Missionary Union of Mississippi March 14-15 at Colonial Heights Baptist Church, Jackson, marked the centennial celebration of WMU, SBC, with a birthday cake, heard missionary speakers, re-elected officers, and voted yes to a bylaws change which in-

volved the restructuring of 15 WMU districts into nine areas.

In the Monday afternoon session, Marjean McCullough, president of WMU, SBC, and a featured speaker, held up a mola, needlework of San Blas Indian women, and compared the intricately stitched, layered cloth to Woman's Missionary Union. As one

layer of material or one stitch seemed small and insignificant, she explained, each had made a contribution to the design which was not recognizable until the work was finished. And in the same way, she pointed out, each one who has been a part of Woman's Missionary Union through its history has made a contribution to the design being formed.

At each of four sessions, Edwina Robinson, retired executive secretary-treasurer, Mississippi WMU, interpreted the convention theme, "The Best Part . . . to me . . ." In these, she spoke on "The best part is that we got organized"; "The best part is missionary education of our young people"; "The best part is relationship to and support of our missionaries and their children"; and "The best part is yet to be." In speaking of support of missionaries through prayer and gifts, she said, "God never gave a command without the means to fulfill." She also said, "We have to know, before we can intelligently support . . ." Her closing words were

spoken with hope and optimism: "Lead on, O King Eternal, the best is yet to be!"

Mrs. James Fancher, Monticello, was re-elected state WMU president. Other officers re-elected include Sue Tatum, Yazoo City, vice president; Mrs. Robert Calvert, Ashland, recording secretary; and Mrs. James Burns, Tupelo, associate recording secretary. Officers elected for the nine new areas (the Executive Board) will be listed in next week's Record.

Panel discussion groups represented retired missionaries (Raymond Kolb, Brazil; Zelma Foster, Surinam; Winfield Applewhite, Indonesia, Martha Ellen Marler, Greece, and Georgia Mae Ogburn, Chile); missionary kids (Chris Harbin, Brazil, Philip Thurman, Bangladesh, Paul Trott, Brazil); parents of missionaries (William Ferrell, Lois Henderson, Irene Lipscomb, Dixie Smith, Robert Sugg); and current missionaries (Emogene Harris, Nigeria; June McDaniel, Korea, Annette Racey, Chile). The missionary

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Officers were re-elected. They are Mrs. James (Ewilda) Fancher, president; Miss Sue Tatum, vice president; Mrs. Robert Calvert, secretary; and Miss Marjean Patterson, executive director. Not pictured is Mrs. James Burch, treasurer. (Photos by Tim Nicholas)



Miss Edwina Robinson led in theme interpretation.

Church Music Conference scenes



Service awards for a total of 285 years were presented at the Mississippi Baptist Church Music Conference. On the bottom row, left to right, are Major McDaniel, Korea; Arnold Bridges, Gulfport; Rick Munn, Grenada; Keith Bennett, Hattiesburg; David Grimsley, Vicksburg; and Chris Lane Lee, Meridian. On the top row, left to right, are Paul E. Padgett, Magee;

Mike Edwards, Oxford; Ray Burke, Amory; Mrs. Faye E. Wiggers, Kosciusko; Mrs. Bobbie Kinsey, Sumrall; Bob Gray, West Point; Tim King, McComb; and Paul Powell, Greenville. Not pictured are J. M. Wood, Jackson; William J. Nelson, Columbia; Susan Hankins, Tupelo; Erlene Pritchard, Fayetteville; and Ida Mae Coley, Natchez.



Ken Miller, right, minister of music at First Church, Natchez, was the 1987-1988 president of the Mississippi Baptist Church Conference. He is shown with Jim Hess, minister of music at First Church, Vicksburg, and host for the conference. New officers for the conference are James Hayes, minister of music, First Church, Hattiesburg, president; Billy Vaughan, minister of music at First Church, Laurel, president-elect; Perry Robinson, minister of music, First Church, Ellisville, vice-president; and Nan Grantham, music associate at Broadmoor Church, Jackson, secretary-treasurer.



David Gilmore directs the Blue Mountain College Choir during a performance at the Mississippi Baptist Church Music Conference. Terry McRoberts is the accompanist.



Ed Ludlow, standing right, professor of music at Blue Mountain College, conducts a seminar for organists during the Mississippi Baptist Church Music Conference. Standing at left is Rachel Seago, organist at First Church, Vicksburg.



A panel on worship was a key part of the 11th Mississippi Baptist Church Music Conference at First Church, Vicksburg. Left to right on the panel were Gary Anglin, minister of music at First Church, Pascagoula; Dennis Johnsey, pastor of First Church, Pascagoula; Bruce Leafblad, professor at Southwestern Seminary; J. M. Wood, minister of music at

Broadmoor Church, Jackson; and Jim Futral, pastor of Broadmoor Church, Jackson, and president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention. This year's program was dedicated to Dan C. Hall, who was director of the Mississippi Church Music Department until his death in December.

Instrumental Festival



Eight Mississippi Baptist churches were represented by instrumental participants at the State Instrumental Festival on the campus of Mississippi College. Edd Brashier of First Church, Carthage, led the groups. The church orchestras of Parkway and Broadmoor Churches, both of Jackson, were featured on the program. John Hanbery was coordinator for the event.

Trustees note "Good spirit" at Southwestern meeting

By Mark Wingfield

FORT WORTH, Texas (BP) — Southwestern Seminary trustees adopted a positive response to the Southern Baptist Peace Committee and affirmed Russell Dilday on his 10th anniversary as seminary president during their spring meeting March 14-16.

The board also elected four new faculty members, adopted several changes in the seminary's bylaws and approved a \$19.7 million budget.

Trustee Wayne Allen of Carrollton, Texas, presented the motion affirming Dilday in the last minutes of the board meeting. Allen called for "a vote of confidence and appreciation for 10 years of leadership."

The board unanimously adopted Allen's motion on a voice vote, with applause from some trustees. The night before at a banquet for trustees, administrators and faculty, Dilday received an extended standing ovation after a program about his 10th anniversary.

Trustee James T. Draper Jr. of Euless, Texas, presented the report of a trustee subcommittee assigned last fall to formulate a response to the Peace Committee. The Peace Committee's statement, approved by messengers to the SBC annual meeting last summer, called on seminary trustees to "determine the theological positions" of administration and faculty members in light of the 1963 Baptist Faith and Message Statement.

"The response of our faculty and administration has been remarkable," Draper reported to the board. "I don't know how it could have been any better."

Southwestern's faculty has shown a "tremendously strong commitment" to the kind of teaching that has characterized the school in the past, Draper said.

"The administration has been very meticulous in dealing with concerns that have been expressed," he said.

Explaining that only "four or five" questions had ever been raised about Southwestern. All of those concerns have been answered adequately, he added.

One concern was that not all faculty members believed in the "historicity of Adam and Eve," Draper said. But he told trustees Vice President for Academic Affairs John Newport convinced him this was not the case.

"I feel like we've been met with great cooperation and a good spirit," Draper said.

The formal statement adopted by trustees notes Southwestern had been dealing responsibly with the inerrancy question as early as 1978.

"Southwestern has in the past and will continue to require all administration and faculty to sign and agree to teach in accordance with the 1963 Baptist Faith and Message Statement. Our administration and faculty support this position," the statement says.

The statement also notes that Southwestern's faculty has committed "to avoid using unfair caricatures and cynicism in teaching, lectures and addresses" and to provide balance in "alternative positions, textbooks and lecturers."

According to the statement, a teacher's freedom is limited by "the pre-eminence of Christ, the authoritative nature of the Scriptures and the distinct purpose for which the seminary exists."

The suggestions of the Peace Committee are being implemented at Southwestern in the spirit of the six SBC seminary presidents' "Glorietta Statement" that the books of the Bible are "not errant in any areas of reality" and have "infallible power and binding authority," the statement says.

In other business, trustees adopted a \$19.7 million budget for fiscal year 1988-89. The new budget is an increase of 4.8 percent from the current year

and provides a 2 percent salary increase for faculty and staff.

To balance the budget, trustees approved increasing the student matriculation fee from \$350 to \$400 per semester. However, trustees asked seminary administrators to study ways to keep student costs down.

Four faculty members were elected without opposition. They are Grant Irvin Lovejoy, instructor in preaching; Henry Newton Smith, instructor in missions; Paul Wateson Stevens, director of field education and associate professor; and Rhonda Jayne Edge, assistant professor in church music education.

Trustees also adopted several bylaw changes, moving election of board officers from the fall meeting to the spring meeting and giving the board chairman authority to make committee assignments immediately upon his election.



An associational quartet sing was held in Rankin Association, February 23, 1988 at First Baptist Church Pearl. The ladies quartet of Flowood Church, received first place recognition. They will be presenting special music at the annual spring meeting of the Rankin Association at First Church, Brandon, April 18. The members of the quartet from left are Brenda Sullivan, Donna Gandy, Reisa Collum (accompanist), Pam Dukes, and Debbie Donald. Richard Sullivan is minister of music and Ricky Gray is pastor. Jim Lott, minister of music at First Church, Pearl was festival director and Susan Clark is associational music director.

Rankin Quartets compete



The Oakdale Church Quartet of Brandon, received second place recognition at the Rankin Association Quartet Sing, February 23 at First Baptist Church, Pearl. They presented special music for the annual Rankin Association Missions Banquet, March 11, at First Church, Brandon. Members of the quartet are Michael Crawley, Curtis Baker, Tony Leonard, W. R. (Buddy) Leonard, and Melanie Wakeland (accompanist). Susan Clark is minister of music and Alan Kilgore is pastor.

Trustees name Drummond Southeastern's president

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and earned a doctor of philosophy degree from King's College of the University of London.

He has done post-doctoral study at Oxford University in Oxford, England, and at Spurgeon's College.

After the election, the trustees were given a statement signed by eight of the trustees, stating: "The seminary's outstanding heritage is being jeopardized by the current effort to shift radically the theological foundation of the school toward Fundamentalism and the belief in biblical inerrancy. We will not endorse such an erosion of the school's historic character."

"One day, we believe Southeastern will return to the highest standards of theological education. We pledge ourselves to pray and to work for that day."

In related actions, trustees voted 21-4 that Drummond's salary and benefits would be the same as the current president. Lolley is reported to receive a \$71,040 salary, plus \$17,015 in benefits and residence in a seminary-owned house.

The April 1 beginning date that was recommended by the search committee was approved 18-9 with two abstentions, after the trustees defeated 11-16 an amendment to set the beginning date at June 1. Another amendment to set the date on May 9 to coincide with graduation exercises, with Drummond serving as president-elect from April 1 to May 9, was declared out of order by Chairman Robert D. Crowley, who was sustained by trustees.

A fourth recommendation from the search committee asked Drummond to request Lolley to preside at the May graduation. It was approved unanimously after an amendment included the July graduation.

At a later session, the trustees voted to instruct Drummond to take whatever action is necessary to maintain the seminary's accreditation. A committee from the Association of Theological Schools is scheduled to be on the campus March 18 to investigate recent actions by the trustees.

The trustees voted 23-6 to "receive and accept the Peace Committee report of the 1987 Southern Baptist Convention, pledging our full cooperation in giving our consideration to its recommendations and directing President Drummond to formulate implementation plans and report through the executive committee to the full board at its October 1988 meeting."

The trustees approved a \$6,059,067 budget for the seminary's 1988-89 fiscal year.

In honor of the outgoing president, the trustees voted to name the women's dormitory the Randall and Lou Lolley Hall.

In his final remarks as president to the trustees, Lolley thanked "all of you who have supported me in pursuing the (seminary's) vision together."

He continued: "I step away in a considerable unknown: our beloved Southern Baptist people are gravely divided. They have turned from peacemaking to peacekeeping."

"As I go, I covenant two things, before God, with all of you on this campus and with our Southern Baptist family: First, I declare eternal hostility against every tyranny over the minds and hearts of God's people anywhere on this earth. Second, I commit from this day forward every moment of my time and every millibar of my energy to restoring this school into the hands of her friends and out of the hands of her foes."

Al Shackleford is BP director.

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HMB trustees elect Chaney, help missionary pensions

By Joe Westbury

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (BP) — Directors of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board re-elected officers, elected Charles Chaney as a new special assistant to the president, and voted to increase the agency's 1988 budget to \$78,517,663 during their March meeting.

The directors met at the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union headquarters in observance of the centennial of the women's missions organization.

Board members unanimously re-elected last year's slate of officers to second one-year terms. Clark G. Hutchinson, pastor of Eastside Church, Marietta, Ga., was named chairman of the Atlanta-based missions agency.

The board increased the 1988 budget by \$1,042,728, nearly half of which was earmarked to supplement pensions for missionaries who retired with inadequate income.

That \$400,000 adjustment will be divided among nearly 250 missionaries based on length of service, said Margrette Stevenson, associate vice president for the board's services section.

"Many of these individuals are still working at 75 years of age to provide adequate income for themselves. One missionary was earning income by baking and decorating cakes until her health recently failed," Stevenson said.

Board members also approved a statement that explains why they

previously voted to deny church pastoral aid to ordained women who are pastors of local churches. The statement was in response to a request from a motion made at the 1987 Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting and referred automatically to the board for a response.

Directors said they believe the policy, adopted in October 1986, "is in harmony" with a resolution adopted by the 1984 Southern Baptist Convention meeting.

Directors unanimously voted to delete from their response a paragraph that drew opposition at their October 1987 board meeting from Beth McGhee of Tucson, Ariz.

Shortly after voicing concern that the paragraph might be divisive, McGhee collapsed at her seat and died of a heart attack.

The deleted sentence said: "Also, we feel that this action of our board (the 1986 policy) is commensurate with the faith and practice of the majority of Baptist churches affiliated with our Southern Baptist Convention."

In staff appointments, directors employed Chaney of Bolivar, Mo., to fill a newly created position of special assistant to the president.

Chaney, assistant to the chancellor and dean of the Courts Redford School of Theology and Church Vocations at Southwest Baptist University, will join the board staff May 16. He is a native of Alexander, Texas.

The position is needed to help Lewis

direct the agency's primary emphases in evangelism, church planting, and church growth, Hutchinson said.

Chaney, president of the university from 1983 to 1986, also will assist Lewis in implementing changes in strategy and organizational structure at the board.

Dean Dosfer, associate director of the personal evangelism department since 1984, was promoted to associate vice president of the evangelism section.

Chan Garrett, associate director of the black church relations department for nine years, was elected regional coordinator for the planning section.

Joseph Talmadge Davis of Tallahassee, Fla., was elected assistant director of the interfaith witness department.

In another matter, Lewis Burnett was elected director of military chaplaincy.

Directors also appointed 10 missionaries, eight missionary associates, and approved financial aid to 26 mission pastors.

Joe Westbury is on the news staff of the Home Mission Board.

Kelm to give Staley Lectures

HATTIESBURG — George L. Kelm, biblical archaeologist and teacher, will present the 1988 Staley Distinguished Christian Scholar Lectures at William Carey College March 28-30.

Kelm is professor of biblical backgrounds and archaeology at Southwestern Seminary. Prior to moving there in 1980, he taught similar courses at New Orleans Seminary for 12 years. He is a PhD graduate of New York University and has done further study at the Institute of Holy Land Studies, Jerusalem, and Tel Aviv University in Israel.

He is now director of the Archaeological Expedition to Tel Batash (Timnah), where the tenth season of excavation was conducted last summer.

Kelm will address the theme, "Understanding the Bible in the Light of Archaeology." Lecture sessions open to the public include: March 28, 9 p.m., Kresge Room of Thomas Business Building, "Biblical Archaeology Today — A Perspective;"

March 29, 9:30 a.m., Thomas Hall Auditorium, "Excavations at Biblical Timnah — A Site Study;" and at 9 p.m. in the Kresge Room of Thomas Business Building, "Geographical and Archaeological Implications for Understanding the Israelite Exodus and Conquest — A Period Study;" and

March 30, 9 p.m., Kresge Room, Thomas Business Building, "Archaeology and the Biblical Text — A Source Study."

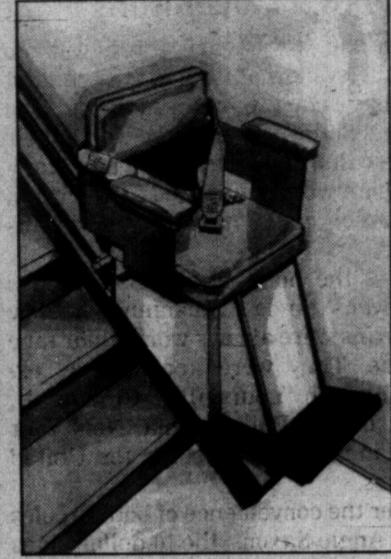


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The House

The sagging doors and the crooked floor, the soiled walk and the chipping paint, The worn out look from stem to stern; the weeds in the flower beds, the leaning columns, The broken screens; the rotten sash; yet there still lingers, for someone, memories of fun and happiness, Laughter and tears, and things of the past years, do you live there? Maybe not! But it's still a mansion for someone. And those with memories return to find it totally changed, looking nothing like they remember.

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Mississippi broadcasters discuss script writing

The Second Annual Mississippi Baptists in Broadcasting (MBIB) meeting will be April 16, at Calvary Church, Jackson, 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

The meeting is for all those Mississippi Baptists who are involved in broadcasting on radio, television, or cable, or who are interested in being a part of the meeting.

Special features of the MBIB will be panel discussions and an awards luncheon.

The panel discussions will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Topics and leaders are: Writing Scripts for Radio and Television, Frank Olsen, professional writer; How Do You Target Who is Out There? Walt Grayson, WLBT-TV, Jackson, and Mrs. Winona Winfield, Public Relations Director, Mississippi State Hospital; and Sampling Local Programming Ideas, Steve Guidry, minister of media, Calvary Church, Jackson; Ken Anderson, owner of Capital Productions, Jackson; and Bob Nance, television producer, Cleveland.

The three panel discussions will be



Olsen

rotated each hour.

Frank Olsen will be the keynote speaker at the Awards Luncheon beginning at 1 p.m. His topic will be

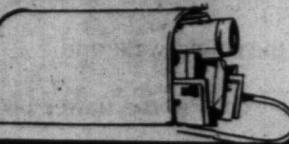
"Baptist and the World of Telecommunications — Now and in the Future."

For two years he worked full time at the Radio and Television Commission to help launch the ACTS Network as supervisor of network promotion. He is now in his sixth year of teaching broadcast writing as an adjunct professor at Southwestern Seminary.

Another special feature of the luncheon will be the awards presentations for local programming and spots from churches across Mississippi in radio and television.

The registration and luncheon cost is \$15 per person. Give name, address, phone number, and total number of registrants when mailing in registration. Registration fees should be mailed to Farrell Blankenship, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205, sponsor of the event.

Other Mississippi Baptists in Broadcasting Committee members serving with Blankenship for this event are Jim Bishop and Merle Guyton, Hattiesburg; Steve Guidry, Jackson; Bob Nance, Cleveland; and Billy Lytal, Clinton.



Letters to the editor



Letters to the editor must be limited to 300 words and the editor reserves the right to trim those that are longer. Editorial prerogatives must be reserved under all circumstances, and the opinions of the letter writers do not necessarily reflect the views of the staff of the Baptist Record. Only signed letters will be used, but the writer may request that his name be withheld.

"Dixie's" beginning

In the days when there was no stable system of issuing government money, each bank issued its own notes. Some of them were worth their face value and others were not. Many of them were not trusted further than a person could "throw a bull by his tail."

But the notes of the Banque des Citoyens de la Louisiane of New Orleans were always worth their face value. They were accepted as exchange in Louisville, Cincinnati, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, New York and in all other marts in the United States.

For the convenience of both Creoles and Anglo-Saxons, the 10-dollar notes were printed in French on one side and in English on the other. "Dix," the French word for 10, was engraved on each note. The 10-dollar notes were called "dix notes" or simply "dixies."

New Orleans and the area in which the city was located became known as "dixie's land." In due time, the designation "Dixie Land" was applied to the Deep South — the region in which the "dixies" had the largest circulation. Eventually, the term included all the territory south of the Mason-Dixon line.

Daniel Decatur Emmett, the travel-

ing minstrel who wrote the song about "Dixie, the Land of Cotton," was a native of Ohio; but the song became the "chanson de guerre" of the Confederate soldiers in the Civil War.

George F. Raines
P. O. Box 97
Newton, MS 39345

Thanks for article

Editor:

On behalf of CONTACT's board and volunteers, many thanks for the fine article on our spring classes.

May I also use this opportunity to thank the Baptist ministers and newsletter/bulletin editors who publicized this training event and volunteer ministry. Both these publications and the *Baptist Record* were effective recruiters.

We rely on the generosity of local congregations and individuals for this Christ-centered ministry.

Peter H. Meyers
executive director

Whatever turns them on

Editor:

Columnists in statewide papers regularly lend their unique positions and writing skills to causes against forms of "censorship" and for freedoms of choice and speech. Some of them mount their computer terminals in self-righteousness, making fun of religious fundamentalists. I challenge them to use their superior open minds and ponder this: If those who practice, promote, or protect unbridled "personal freedom" — to read, watch, hear, and do whatever turns them on — as doing no harm are so right, tell us why:

1. Teen suicides are 90 percent higher now than 30 years ago?

2. Drug and alcohol abuse is today more common in schools than gum chewing was 30 years ago?

3. Rape, brutal murder, and violent crime in general has consistently increased in the past 30 years?

In case these defenders of "personal freedom" need some help, let me suggest some probable cause and effect relationships:

1. The secular life of physical gratification offers no eternal hope for anyone. The pleasures presented are limited and demand great price. When it's over; it's over. Abusers are used up and wasted.

2. Drugs and alcohol are used to hide an empty life — a false excuse for the life only God can make abundant. The presence of drugs and alcohol

corresponds directly to the absence of God in life.

3. Disregard for human life increases in philosophy and practice directly as disregard for God in human life increases in philosophy and practice. Tolerance of evil demands equal tolerance of evil's results!

While a few may be over zealous, too many are apathetic about fighting evil. Still others are fighting to ensure evil's right to exist! The results are seen in daily headlines — and predicted in the Bible's book of Romans, chapter 1, verses 16-32.

Columnists can create clever little columns, and they can also prove to the perceptive mind that the writers are often shallow. Lacking real tools to dig deeply, they are content with surface glitter, unable to reach the gold.

Stephen E. Tillman
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also one of the best spiritually oriented conventions of which I have ever been a part. A job well done.

Juanita West
Acteen leader
Calvary Church, Newton

Remembering Mrs. Carter

Editor:

The article about Dr. and Mrs. Carter took my thinking back 33 years ago when at Clarke College Mrs. Carter came to invite me to a WMU meeting at her home. I did not know what it was all about; but being a young preacher's wife, I thought I should go. I am so happy she introduced me to WMU and especially so during our centennial celebration. She was a lovely person.

Mrs. G. E. Jolley
Batesville

Ethiopia releases 55,000 Bibles

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND — In Ethiopia, 55,000 Bibles, which have been withheld by local authorities for four years, have now been released. The news was communicated February 3, 1988, by the Lutheran World Federation in Geneva, Switzerland, which had donated the Bibles to meet the needs of the 700,000 Lutherans living in Ethiopia. The release of the Bibles follows intensive pressure on the Ethiopian authorities by the Lutheran World Council.

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Division organization aligned to assist church evangelism

By Frank Wm. White

NASHVILLE (BP) — Helping churches strengthen evangelistic efforts through the Sunday School is the goal behind organizational changes in the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's Sunday School division and changes in Sunday School curriculum, according to Harry Piland, Sunday School division director, who announced the changes.

Creating a structure that can help churches achieve evangelistic growth is the key organizing principle of a realignment of the division's staff, Piland said: "We are committed to keeping a focus on what is best for the churches. The basis of our reorganization is trying to help churches do their mission more effectively."

Within the division, three departments have been created. They are the Sunday School growth and administration department, directed by Don Trotter; Sunday School youth-adult department, directed by Max Caldwell; and Sunday School preschool-children department, directed by Muriel Blackwell.

Some other recommendations from the evaluation are being made as quickly as the production cycle allows, Piland said. Changes already evident or upcoming are:

The plan of salvation in Christ is now included in more than half of all Sunday School literature. By October,

the plan of salvation will be printed in all Sunday School curriculum, usually on pages 2 or 3.

— By October 1990, 80 percent of the lessons in the Life and Work curriculum series will be related to specific books of the Bible rather than topics with Scripture drawn from various books.

— Evangelism is being focused more clearly in lessons.

— Collegiate Bible Study will be included in The Student magazine beginning in October as a cooperative effort of the Sunday School division and the student ministry department.

— More Bible stories and more biblical content will appear in children's and preschool curriculum beginning in October.

— Senior Adult Bible Study will be converted to a large-print size in Oc-

tober in response to requests from users of the materials.

In addition to its highlight in literature, evangelism will receive increased emphasis in the new Sunday School growth and administration department. "Church growth is well understood as a part of evangelism. We want to emphasize the Sunday School as key to church growth," Piland said.

To help smaller churches more effectively, each program area will have a consultant designated for work with smaller churches.

A specialist in denominational relationships and long-range planning will help relate Sunday School goals to other agencies and board components for better coordination of themes, emphases, and curriculum.

Frank Wm. White writes for the Sunday School Board.

Gregory to nominate Smith

(Continued from page 3) said, adding he also would welcome the support of moderates in the convention.

Smith told the Witness he has been pleased with the direction of the Pastors' Conference in recent years and would not suggest changing it to

appeal to moderate pastors, many of whom have met separately in the SBC Forum since 1984.

"If a group like the Forum forms a schism, it is incumbent on them to come back and get in the mainstream," he said.

Watson retires after 34 years

NEW ORLEANS (BP) — After 34 years, Stanley Jack Watson approaches retirement as the professor who has served New Orleans Seminary the longest.

The professor of psychology and counseling from Randlett, Okla., first came to New Orleans Seminary as a student in 1948. At that time, the seminary was Baptist Bible Institute and was located in the Garden District of New Orleans.

"In those days, a person was either a pastor or a missionary," said Watson, who arrived at the seminary with his wife, Johnie, and three sons.

Watson received bachelor's and master's degrees in 1951 from New Orleans Seminary. After obtaining the doctorate in religious education from Southwestern Seminary, he began teaching at New Orleans Seminary as a professor of youth education in 1954.

He received a doctorate in education in 1969. From 1971 to 1977, he was chairman of the division of religious education and began teaching psychology and counseling in 1978.

Now that he is retiring, New Orleans' only professor with two doctorate degrees plans to pursue a doctor of philosophy degree. Watson also would like to finish writing four books he has started, continue his counseling practice at Spring Meadow, his farm in Picayune, Miss., and direct the training and supervision at Family Care Counseling Institute in eastern New Orleans.

WMU convention: "The best part . . ."

(Continued from page 3) parents requested prayers for their children. The missionary kids requested prayers for their parents.

Dottie Williamson, home missionary, Virginia, told of some of her experiences. She went to Suffolk for the Home Mission Board, as a church planter. The HMB had told her, when taking surveys, only to take one minute at each place. At the first house, Dottie visited, the woman said she was an active Christian. That took 30 seconds. At the second house, with a minute and a half to work with, she said, an elderly lady invited her in. And she left an hour and a half later. "Sixteen years at my church, and nobody has visited me," the woman

said. Dottie met four more widows, all Christians living alone, wanting someone to talk to. "People need you," she said. A new church was started. Several of those women joined it.

In 1985, three families wanted to start a church in a house. They soon had children all over the house for Bible School, so they asked if they might meet Thursday nights in the little white Methodist church. The Methodist pastor said, "That's one more night the lights will be on to let people know there's a church there." More people started coming, so they asked to use the building also on Sunday nights.

"We wouldn't think of charging

rent," the Methodist pastor said.

"How will we let people know that Baptists care, in the Methodist church? Get a portable sign?"

"No," the pastor answered . . . Put out a permanent sign. Advertise Methodists in the morning and Baptists at night. Aren't we here for the same purpose? to lead people to the Lord?"

Later the new church moved into a nursery school and into a Presbyterian church. It is 2½ years old. Iron Bridge Baptist Church was pictured on the prayer guide for the Week of Prayer this month. It gives its first 17 percent of offerings to missions.

"Do we care enough about all those

millions of people?" Dottie asked. She visited a church that had a \$50,000 offering goal for Lottie Moon and a \$5,000 goal for Annie. She said she fussed at them; "If we lose America, we won't have foreign missions any more. Who is going to go?"

Other speakers included Alma Hunt, retired executive secretary, WMU, SBC; Edie Polnac, home missionary, Idaho; Peggy Wallace, missionary to Peru; and Marjean Patterson, executive director, Mississippi WMU.

Karen Hardy, music assistant, Morrison Heights Church, Clinton, directed the music. Dot Pray, keyboard specialist, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, was pianist and

Mary Simmons of New Orleans the organist. Three violinists, Carolyn Kee of Woodville, former vice president, Mississippi WMU, Michelle Vines, and Kelly Kee, GAs at Woodville Church, presented special music. Alice Nettles, Morrison Heights Church, Clinton, Beth Henderson, Navilla Church, McComb, and Major McDaniel, missionary to Korea, Donna Robbins, Monticello, was handbells soloist.

GAs and Acteens were invited to join the Baptist Women for the birthday celebration of WMU, SBC, held on Monday evening.

Marjorie McCullough in her Wednesday address said that when she was a little girl, her pastor once asked her, "What have you got in your hand?" She had just been to the store and bought nine cents worth of candy, saving a penny (she remembered the tithe) for church. But the whole dime had been supposed to go to the offering. The pastor asked her, "Would you rob God? Was that your offering?" She said it was a lesson she never forgot. And she added, "Next year WMU is going to be telling the story of the beauty of tithing."

Jim Futral, pastor at Broadmoor, Jackson, and president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, delivered the closing address.

"The best part of all our work and our service," he said, "is Matthew 25:31, 'And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect and the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.' Our Lord Jesus is coming again. He will descend from the sky one day and he will gather all his people . . . The very best part — when he descends, is that he is going to bring us together.

"When we get together, we're something else. Last year — \$1,706,000 to Annie Armstrong; \$4,131,000 to Lottie Moon; Home Mission Board through the Cooperative Program got \$1,311,000 and the Foreign Mission Board got \$3,338,000. Mississippi Baptists gave somewhere over seven and a half million dollars to those great works, in one year. When we're not together, we're a mess.

"The very best part is that he wants to commend us somehow. Some way some day we're going to be able to see what happened to each of our dollars and see how they've touched lives."

Futral told the story of his being in Costa Rica with a missionary who called to a policeman and said something in Spanish. Suddenly the policeman grabbed Futral, smiling and talking to him. The man was a widower, a Christian, raising five children. Futral's church WMU had sent an offering of \$15 to that missionary, who had given it to the policeman, who had spent it at Christmas for his kids (Futral had known nothing about the offering.) The man was expressing his thanks.

"We're going to get to stand at the reward station," Futral said in conclusion, "and hear, 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant.' The very best part is that time will be no more and we'll be rid of our tears, our fears, and death."



Major McDaniel, missionary to Korea, sings.



Carolyn Kee, along with Michelle Vines and Kelly Kee perform violin pieces for the annual meeting.



Miss Karen Hardy, music staffer at Morrison Heights Church, Clinton, was music leader and a soloist for the annual meeting.



Mississippi Baptist Convention President Jim Futral and his wife, Shirley, talk with home missionary Dottie Williamson during a break in the sessions.



Missionary parents served on a panel for discussion of prayer needs. From left they were Mrs. Lois Henderson, Robert Sugg, Mrs. Dottie Smith, William Ferrell, and Mrs. Irene Lipscomb. Moderator for the panel was Miss Monica Keathley of the WMU staff. (Photos by Tim Nicholas)



Current missionaries on a special panel were, from left, Annette Racey, Mrs. June McDaniel, and Mrs. Emogene Harris. They were led by WMU staffer Miss Trish Simmons.



Faces and places

by Anne Washburn McWilliams



Tamil, Chinese, and English

"Are we headed in the right direction?" In the van, I was facing backward, so I only knew we were somewhere in the state of Pahang, Malaysia. Eric and Daniel, field workers for Every Home for Christ, were leading the way down the dirt road on a motorbike. Enoch Tan, EHC director for Malaysia, was driving through swirling clouds of red dust, past more rubber and palm trees and through woods full of giant ferns.

We stopped at a gate across the road, and a watchman opened it. There in open space under the tropical sky stood a group of one-story frame houses, painted dark green. Some were duplexes; others were joined, apartment-style. Chinese and Indians (Tamils) who lived here worked mostly on rubber estates.

"Be sure you don't give any tracts to Malays," Enoch, who is Chinese himself, warned. (It is illegal to give Christian literature to the native Malays, who are defined by the government as Muslim.) He gave us tracts in three languages, English, Chinese, and Tamil. They were stamped "For non-Muslim only." One was titled, "Are You Happy?" and another, "It's Here — New Beginning!" Each contained a postcard to be used to obtain the first of four Bible studies.

Ten of us divided into twos to cover the village. Joan Peterson and I took turns talking at each doorway we approached. Over most doors were posted pictures of Hindu gods. Though we met some Chinese, most of those we saw were of Indian origin. A crowd of small boys followed us, calling out directions. (At least 60 percent of Malaysians speak English.) At almost every house, someone took the tract with a smile, and usually began immediately to read. When we accidentally skipped one house, the couple who lived there followed us, asking for a tract. The woman was holding a baby, so I asked permission to take their picture.

Only one man, a Chinese, refused to take a tract. I did not insist.

Two small boys were buying ice cream cones from a vendor's cart. I was hot and covered, I felt, in red grime. My mouth watered at sight of that ice cream, but I didn't have a single ringgit left to spend.

As we walked down one hill, two women in red saris ran ahead of us to reach their house before us. Above their door was a picture of Jesus. I knocked on the frame of the open door, and saw a man wrapped in a towel lying asleep on the living room floor. The two women stood at an inner doorway, laughing and beckoning us to enter. When the man heard we were Christians, he got up and invited us in. Soon the other teams came looking for us. The Indian family served us all orange juice and cake, on a coffee table with a green tile top. Couches in the tiny room were covered in a cool-colored blue and white fabric. Our host, Moses A., a lorry driver,

apologized for not turning on the electric fan, but the electricity would not come on until night. I believe he said they and one other family were the only Christians in this village. His family attended a Lutheran church not so far from there.

As our tour leader, Frank Giunta, led in prayer, I added my own prayer of praise to God for the tie that bound into one the diverse group in that room.

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Every Home for Christ is an organization which, as its name indicates, seeks to take the message of Christ into every home in a nation, through Christian literature. Churches of various denominations have worked together in this effort. Area directors, sometimes with staff helpers, translate and write the materials. In some countries, teams are paid to work full-time in distribution, especially in dangerous areas. In other cases, volunteer teams do the distribution. Names of new believers, who respond to the campaign, are given to local churches, for follow-up. Usually the volunteer teams live within the country. The team I traveled with in January was one of the first from the U.S. to be invited by EHC to help in this way in southeast Asia.

In Malaysia since 1978, EHC has given out 970,000 gospel pamphlets; of these 4,880 responses have been received. They offer Bible correspondence courses in the English, Chinese, and Tamil. In 1983, Enoch said, 20 to 30 Tamils enrolled in the Bible correspondence course every month. But the Malaysian Hindu Society took steps to stop that. They published complaints about Christians in the Tamil newspapers, and published their own pamphlets war-

ning Hindus not to listen to the Christians. Better response from the Chinese has come in rural areas than in the cities. Often, however, a Chinese-speaking church will not be near enough the new believer for him to attend.

Distribution is beginning next month in Sabah, East Malaysia.

Response was much less in 1987 than in 1986, probably due to the political situation, and the persecution and arrest of so many Christians.

I read a news release in Kuala Lumpur which stated: "Salleh Omar, a former Malaysian Baptist minister renounced his belief in Christianity and exposed some of the evangelistic activities of Christians to the government authorities and the media. A Malaysian Islamic newspaper in August reported on a public address delivered by Salleh. The message, recorded on audio cassettes, was distributed widely. Salleh charged that large sums of money, including donations from abroad, had been channelled to Christian missions in Malaysia for the purpose of propagating Christianity among the Muslims . . . According to Salleh, 8,000 Malays have been converted to Christianity, primarily from the states of Perak and Johore."

I wondered if this had been one reason that in late fall 33 evangelical churches were closed. Two other ministers, the release said "were reconverted to Islam and began preaching against Christianity."

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Southern Baptists now have eight missionaries in Malaysia. Two are in language school. Two others expect to be appointed next month. However, ten years is the limit now that each missionary is allowed to remain there.

Ban extended

PHOENIX, Ariz. (EP) — A federal judge who imposed a ban on mandatory prayer sessions at an Arizona manufacturing plant will extend the ban to include the company's facilities throughout the United States. "I think it should cover the whole operation," said U.S. District Judge Earl Carroll. Carroll has issued an injunction against prayer meetings at the Townley Manufacturing Co. plant in Elroy, Ariz.

The case began when an atheist was fired in 1984 for objecting to weekly half-hour devotionals at work. Founder J. O. "Jake" Townley said he started the prayer sessions as part of a promise to God to spend some of his profits to spread his religious beliefs, and argues that the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission "is attempting to establish secular humanism, or atheism, as a religion within the Townley Company as opposed to the Christian faith based tenets upon which the company was founded."



A Tamil family follows and asks for a tract.

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Enoch Tan and Eric wait on a jungle trail for others on a witnessing team. Tall, slender trees behind them are rubber trees.



Joan Peterson of Florida, Charles Gebelein of Ohio, and Eric stop to give a tract to a young man whose house, above the door, displays the picture of a Hindu god

436 Malawians receive Christ, at food center

LILONGWE, Malawi (BP) — Through a Southern Baptist relief program promising to keep nearly 11,000 Malawians fed, 435 people have professed faith in Jesus.

Jim Parker, of Memphis, Tenn., and a team of Malawian Baptists led 47 people to decide to accept Christ as their Savior one day at a distribution center where expected food was delayed in coming. Several of the new Christians, who live in an area with no Baptist church, asked the Baptists to start one in their village.

Malawi has been plagued by destructive insects in the north drought in some areas, too much rain in others, and more than 300,000 displaced Mozambicans who have fled fighting in their own country.

Malewian pastors and Southern Baptist missionaries have worked together to train Baptists to tell people about Jesus as they distribute maize, the country's food staple. Southern Baptists plan to spend more than \$500,000 this year on the project.

"Obscenity is not protected"

WASHINGTON, D.C. (EP) — Former U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice Warren Burger told 300 religious leaders with the Religious Alliance Against Pornography (RAAP) gathered in Washington March 1-2 that "Nothing could be clearer from the Court than that obscenity is not protected speech."

Representatives of major Protestant, Catholic and Jewish groups attended the conference, which was chaired by Jerry Kirk, president of

the National Coalition Against Pornography (N-CAP).

This conference was held in the wake of revelations that televangelist Jimmy Swaggart hired a prostitute to perform obscene acts and has had a lifelong fascination with pornography. The Swaggart scandal highlights the kind of damage [pornography] does," said George McKinley, of San Diego's Church of God in Christ, who attended the RAAP conference.

"Justice, human dignity should fuel anti-porn"

WASHINGTON (BP) — The religious community's battle against pornography should grow out of a commitment to justice and a concern for human dignity, said N. Larry Baker, executive director of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission.

Baker told participants at a national Religious Alliance Against Pornography conference anti-pornography efforts should not stem from an anti-sexual theology or an attempt to make society into the religious community's own image or

a narrow social or political agenda. Rather, he said, a concern about the family, people, children, character and the cause of the underdog should be the shaping conviction behind actions in the fight against pornography.

Individuals who join the war against pornography "open themselves to misunderstanding and to misrepresentation," warned Baker, who spoke on the moral, ethical, and spiritual implications of pornography.

But, he said, appropriate and urgent reasons demand involvement in the battle.



Scott County quilters: The late Hazel Brantley, left, who was WMU director, Harperville Church; Nan Ellis, center, WMU director, Pulaski Church; Jerry Roberts, right, program chairman of Betty Carroll group, First Church, Morton.

Scott County WMU honors late director

By Carmel Carlisle

The Scott County Association WMU has through several activities celebrated the WMU Centennial: a study of the book, *A Century to Celebrate*, a trip to the new WMU Building in Birmingham, the making of a centennial quilt, and an association-wide birthday party is planned for May 15.

Hazel Brantley, coordinator in the making of the centennial quilt, possessed an unusual ability for quilting. She quilted at the World's Fair in New Orleans. She and several women of Harperville Baptist Church put the squares together to be quilted. She was suffering much pain as she made those neat tiny stiches.

The quilt was completed on schedule and was displayed at the annual association meeting Oct. 23. The following week Hazel attended the District WMU Meeting at Ephesus Baptist Church, where the quilt was

displayed again. She became sick at the meeting and had to leave. Her condition worsened and she was hospitalized the next day. This was her last mission project.

This woman's heart was in missions. After vocational retirement she went as a volunteer to Argentina and planned, this year, to go to Brazil and teach women how to quilt.

She served her church as organist, taught in several organizations through the years, transported unchurched children of the community to and from Sunday School, Church Training, and missions organizations. She served as a volunteer to the association building. Her life was built around missions and, at the time of her death, Feb. 2, 1988, she was serving as Harperville's WMU director.

She reflected well the theme of our centennial celebration — "A Century to Celebrate; A Future to Fulfill."

Former music minister dies in Canton

Edward G. Prather, 57, died March 1, at St. Dominic/Jackson Memorial Hospital. Services were held March 12 at First Baptist Church of Clinton.

Prather, a native of Sunflower County, attended Union University of Jackson, Tenn., the University of Mississippi, and Southern Seminary. He served churches in Memphis and throughout Mississippi as a minister

of music and education. Since 1971, he was active in sales of audio-visual equipment in churches. He had been a resident of Clinton for 17 years.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Jean Perryman Prather; son, Phil Prather of Ft. Worth, Texas; daughter, Mrs. Pam Martin of Denver, Colo.; mother, sister, and three grandchildren.



Students tie red ribbons to fight drug abuse.

BSU fights drugs with Red Ribbon Day

By Rachel Griffin
Laurel Leader Call

ELLISVILLE — Turn off of drugs and onto Jesus Christ, Swindall said. "We stressed that drugs are not an avenue out of problems. Christ is."

Kelly Orman, co-chairman of the Outreach Committee, said drug abuse occurs at JCJC as it does at every other college campus, and with alcohol as the most widely abused drug.

"You know it goes on here . . . although you might not be around it as much as you were in high school. Alcohol is the main problem."

Even in college, peer pressure is still the main cause of drug and alcohol abuse, Orman said. "Fitting in is the big thing in high school. But here in college there is more pressure of being grown up now, and that this is the grownup thing to do."

Pickering explained that the Jones County Drug Education Council contacted the BSU about sponsoring Red Ribbon Day in conjunction with Drug and Alcohol Awareness Week. After being provided the needed information and materials, the BSU organized the event.

"We had red ribbons to wear showing that you're against drug and alcohol abuse. We made posters and set up a booth that handed out pamphlets and informational materials," Pickering said.

Ron Swindall, BSU president, said the Christian organization was interested in the project because it gave the BSU an opportunity to spread the Christian message while promoting the fight against drug and alcohol abuse.

"One of the things we tried to do is to get people turned off of drugs and

onto Jesus Christ, Swindall said. "We stressed that drugs are not an avenue out of problems. Christ is."

Having good "grownup" role models plays a vital part in a student's choice about using drugs, Swindall said, noting that many times young people's actions are reflections of what they see adults doing.

"We hope parents will realize they're just as responsible about teaching kids about drugs. If the parents deny that kids are on drugs that only hurts. So many times the finger is pointed at kids, and sometimes it needs to be turned around and pointed at parents."

"Nancy Reagan says it best, just say no. Just leave it alone. That's the best way to handle it and to avoid the problem. Even if you're on drugs, just stop. Don't think about it for a while, just stop."

Mission trip ends in tragedy for BSUers

DALLAS (BP) — Two Baylor University representatives on their way home from a spring break mission trip were killed March 12 when their automobile was hit head-on about 40 miles north of Harlingen in Texas' Rio Grande Valley.

Killed were Sharla Jayne Smalley, 23, missions coordinator for the Baylor Baptist Student Union, who was driving, and Mike Lowery, 22, of Cypress, Texas, a graduate student in Baylor's master of business administration program.

The driver of the other vehicle,

Joshua Lynn Martinez, 24, of Denton, also was killed.

Two other Baylor students were severely injured. The Baylor students were part of an 18-car caravan returning more than 70 Baylor students from a week-long trip to South Texas, said George Loutherback, BSU director at Baylor. Smalley, a Texas A&M graduate who joined the BSU staff last August, had arranged the trip.

The students had spent their spring break in various mission projects at seven locations in the Rio Grande Valley.

USM BSU plans for alumni group

The Baptist Student Union at the University of Southern Mississippi is forming a USM BSU Alumni Chapter. The first alumni newsletter, to be mailed this summer, will include a copy of the proposed constitution and give the plans for the "charter meeting" to be held this fall on the weekend of USM's homecoming.

The BSU is encouraging USM BSU alumni and friends to send their updated addresses to the BSU to be included on the mailing list. Send name (including maiden name), year of graduation, and mailing address to Baptist Student Union, SS Box 10005, Hattiesburg, MS 39406, by June 1, 1988.

Lord's Day alliance reaches 100th year

The Lord's Day Alliance is making plans for its Centennial Celebration Oct. 5-6 in Washington, D.C.

Norman Vincent Peale, longtime devoted member of the board of managers of the alliance, will be the keynote speaker in a worship service at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 5, the Church of the Pilgrims (Presbyterian), 2201 P Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

The general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, Gerhard Claas, will address a banquet for board members, their families, and special guests preceding the worship service. A choral group from the U.S. Naval Academy will sing.

A special service of thanksgiving and praise will be held at 2 p.m. Oct. 5 on the steps of the National Capitol.

On Thursday morning, The Lord's Day Alliance will return to its birthplace, The Foundry United Methodist Church, 1500 — 16th Street, N.W. The Alliance was founded there Dec. 12, 1888.

The historical message will be delivered by William R. Cannon, former dean of Emory University's Candler School of Theology.

The Alliance is housed in the Georgia Baptist Center in Atlanta. James P. Wesberry, Southern Baptist minister, is executive director.

The Lord's Day Alliance is a national interdenominational religious organization composed of 111 members of its board of managers, both active and honorary, representing 25 denominations.

The Lord's Day Alliance is specifically oriented to preserve the sabbath day in America as a day of rest and worship. It works for the right of each person to worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience and to have the sabbath of his own choosing, with special emphasis on the Lord's Day.

"The executive exists to make sensible exceptions to general rules."

— ELTING E. MORISON

"Probably nothing in the world arouses more false hopes than the first four hours of a diet."

— DAN BENNETT

Staff changes

First Church, Meridian, has called Gary L. Bagley as pastor. Bagley succeeds Beverly Tinnin who retired Aug. 1, 1987, after 26 years as pastor. Bagley is pastor of Bayshore Church, Tampa.

He will begin his work in Meridian April 25.

Bagley is married to the former Jeannie Tyler of Wagener, S.C. They have two children, Kelly, a senior in high school, and Tyler, a ninth grader.

He and his wife are graduates of Furman University. He also earned bachelor of divinity and a doctorate of ministry degrees from Southern Seminary.

Senior Adult Corner

Senior Adults for Area IV will meet at Lake Tiak O'Khata, Louisville, April 5, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. for area rally with the theme, "New Dimensions for Senior Adults." J. Clark Hensley and W. Levon Moore are

First Church, Petal, has called Connie King and R. L. Hullum as bivocational staff members.

Mrs. King is serving as the director of youth/children's choirs and activities. She is employed as a teacher in the Petal School System. R. L. Hullum is serving as minister of music and adult activities. He is owner of the Hullum's Home and Auto store in Petal. W. A. Fordham is pastor.

Jack Price is the new pastor at First Church, Fairhaven.

Eric Barrom is the new minister of music at First Church, Olive Branch.

Jim Harris has resigned as director of the ministry center of the North Delta Association. He is entering the pastorate full time at Hollywood Church, Rt. 2, Sledge.

resource persons. Reservations for lunch may be obtained by pre-registering with W. Levon Moore, Box 246, Kosciusko, MS 39090, or phone 289-6059.



Trial by poison

Rose Young, a woman from the Sasstown area of Liberia, wears white powder on her face to show that she has survived a "sassywood trial."

Residents of the area use a poisonous drink, made from tree bark, to determine a person innocent or guilty of harming another through witchcraft. The few who live are judged innocent.

Southern Baptist missionary Rita Smith carries the gospel to the villages of the Sasstown area.

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Revival dates

Malmaison (Carroll): March 23-25; 7:30 p.m.; Tommy Clark, speaker.

Newhebron, (Lawrence): March 27-31; 10:55 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Sunday; 7 p.m. nightly, Mon.-Thurs.; Bill Penley, Asheville, N.C., preaching; Jim Armstrong, First, Nettleton, music; S. A. "Sonny" Adkins, pastor.

Providence, Grenada: Mar. 27-Apr. 3; services each night at 7:30; Easter Sunday, the presentation of the Cantata, "Hallelujah! What a Savior" will conclude the revival; Clyde C. Rogers, pastor, will conduct services; James Bolen, minister of music, will lead singing.

Longview (Oktibbeha): March 30-April 2; 7:30 p.m.; Randle Poss, pastor, First, Maben, evangelist; special music led by Dudley Brasher; Easter musical, Sunday morning, April 3, 11 a.m.; James Hutcherson, pastor.

Calvary, Petal: April 3-6; Sunday services, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Mon.-Wed., 7 p.m.; C. B. Raley, Florida, evangelist; W. C. Rainey, Petal, music; Phil T. Harris, pastor.

Antioch, Brandon: March 27-30; Laverne Summerlin, pastor, Cooperville, Morton, evangelist; Susan Horton, music evangelist; Larry Duncan, pastor.

Park Place, Brandon: March 27-31; Sunday, regular services, Mon.-Thurs., 7 p.m.; Cliff Estes, Shreveport, La., evangelist; Ray Jones, LaPlace, La., music evangelist; Bobby Williamson, pastor.

Union South (Covington): March 27-April 1; services, 11 a.m., 7 p.m., Sunday and 7 p.m. each week night; to be led by Mike and Annette Racey, foreign missionaries to Chile; McKay Pearce, Purvis, music; Murphy Wilson, youth director.

Mount Vernon (Holmes): March 25, 26, 27, each evening at 7:30; Jerry Bishop, Durant, First, visiting minister.

First Purvis: March 27-31; services at 7:15 p.m.; evangelist, Dean Register, pastor, First Church, Gulfport; music evangelist, Benji Harlan, minister of music, Emmanuel Church, Shreveport; Jack Albritton, pastor.

**Friday and Saturday
April 8-9, 1988**



**Alta Woods Baptist Church
168 Colonial Drive, Jackson**

I. GENERAL OFFICERS / PASTORS											
ROOM:	SUBURBAN	CHAPEL I	B 210	B 220	B 200	B 265	B 230	B 110-A	B 225	CHAPEL II	CHAPEL III
FRI. 8:00 P.M.	WHY CAN'T I JUST TURN SS OVER TO SOMEONE ELSE? HARRY PILAND	HOW TO START AND CONDUCT EFFECTIVE VISITATION DIONNE WILLIAMS	HOW TO TRAIN SS WORKERS IN EVANGELISM JERRY MASSEY	THE PASTOR'S ROLE IN TRAINING LEADER JERRI HERRING	NINE BASICS FOR GROWING YOUR SS P. J. SCOTT	HOW TO STRUCTURE ASS USING A CLASS DESIGN BILL GAMBRILL	HOW TO STRUCTURE ASS USING A CLASS DESIGN JACK STILL	HOW TO PLAN A YEARS TEACHER TRAINING OLLEN WILLIAMS	HELP I'M A NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTOR GARY SHOWS	REACHING ETHNICS IN YOUR COMMUNITY MIKE GONZALES	HOW TO WORK WITH YOUR SS COUNCIL FOR GROWTH MIKE MCCOOL
SAT. 9:00 A.M.	HOW TO BREAK THROUGH GROWTH BARRIERS HARRY PILAND	EVANGELISM: SUNDAY SCHOOL PRIORITY GENE HENDERSON	HOW TO PUT THE SS GROWTH SPIRAL TO WORK FOR YOU JERRY MASSEY	CHECK YOUR "WELCOME" PROFILE JERRI HERRING	WHAT A PASTOR MUST LEARN ABOUT AGE GROUP SS WORK JAMES WEBSTER	HOW TO START NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL UNITS BILL GAMBRILL	HOW TO GROW BEYOND A SMALL SUNDAY SCHOOL JACK STILL	STARTING AND STRENGTHENING A WEEKLY WORKERS MTG DAVID MORROW	HOW TO DISCOVER AND ENLIST SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS GLEN WILLIAMS	MAINTAINING ACCURATE SUNDAY SCHOOL RECORDS TOM STEVENS	WHERE CAN WE FIND DEDICATED TEACHERS? BILL DAVIDSON
SAT. 10:15 A.M.	HOW TO BREAK THROUGH GROWTH BARRIERS (REPEAT) HARRY PILAND	HOW TO SHARE THE VISION OF SS GROWTH WITH YOUR CONGREGATION	HOW TO PUT THE SS GROWTH SPIRAL TO WORK FOR YOU (REPEAT) MASSEY	101 WAYS TO DISCOVER PROSPECTS JERRI HERRING	UNDERSTANDING AND USING THE SS GROWTH SPIRAL JAMES WEBSTER	PLANNING A YEARS SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK BILL GAMBRILL	WE'RE SMALL, DO WE NEED TO PLAN? JACK STILL	USING OUTREACH BIBLE STUDY TO REACH THE LOST TIM WELFORD	HELP I'M THE PASTOR OF A SMALL SUNDAY SCHOOL J. C. PRATHER	USING THE CSC DIPLOMA PLAN TO TRAIN LEADERS TOM STEVENS	WHAT TO DO WITH NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL MEMBERS BILL DAVIDSON
SAT. 1:00 P.M.	HOW WE USED OUTREACH BIBLE STUDY TO REACH THE LOST SMITH	WHY ARE RECORDS SO IMPORTANT FOR GROWTH MIKE MCCOOL	MAKING YOUR SS POSITIVELY EVANGELISM JERRY MASSEY	OUTREACH IDEAS THAT GET RESULTS JERRI HERRING	TRAINING SS WORKERS IN EVANGELISM (REPEAT) P. J. SCOTT	HOW TO ENLARGE YOUR OUTREACH DOOR BILL GAMBRILL	HOW AND WHEN TO ENLARGE THE CLASS SS ORGANIZATION JACK STILL	VISITATION PROGRAM FOR SMALL CHURCHES J. C. PRATHER	HOW TO CONDUCT POTENTIAL TEACHER TRAINING RICK SPENCER	DISCOVERING PROSPECTS THROUGH BBC CLAY MOSS	HOW CAN WE FIND SPACE TO GROW? NERON SMITH
ROOM:	A 205	A 210	A 235	A 225	A 220	B 325	B 315	B 317	B 320	B 310	B 300
FRI. 8:00 P.M.	BASIC TEACHING TECHNIQUES MIKE FINK	BEYOND THE BASICS: CREATIVE TEACHING TECHNIQUES DAVID APPLE	ORGANIZING THE ADULT CLASS FOR TEACH/REACH MIN. BILL CRIDER	WHAT IS MY JOB AS AN ADULT CLASS OFFICER TED TAYLOR	THE ADULT CLASS REACHING PEOPLE IN THE SMALL CHURCH SARA MASSEY	HELPS FOR THE ADULT DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR PAT PILAND	SO, YOU'RE THE ONLY YOUTH TEACHER A. V. WINDHAM	TEACHING YOUTH EFFECTIVELY KEITH KLINE	PREPARING TO TEACH YOUTH CATHY JEFFCOATS	YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL IN THE SMALL CHURCH DENNIS DUVALL	
SAT. 9:00 A.M.	BASIC TEACHING TECHNIQUES (REPEAT) MIKE FINK	BEYOND THE BASICS: CREATIVE TEACHING TECH. (REPEAT) DAVID APPLE	HOW TO LEAD AN ADULT OUTREACH BIBLE STUDY GROUP BILL CRIDER	SURVIVING AGE GRADING ADULTS TED TAYLOR	I'M THE ONLY ADULT CLASS-SMALL CHURCH TEACHING RESPONSIBILITY	THE DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR LEADING THE ADULT WWM PAT PILAND	YOUTH ARE MINISTERS, TOO PAULA SMITH	OUTREACH BIBLE STUDY FOR YOUTH KEITH KLINE	HOW TO USE MY YOUTH TEACHER'S BOOK LALA COOPER	HOW TO KNOW WHEN YOUTH ARE LEARNING RUSTY HOLCOMB	
SAT. 10:15 A.M.	THE ADULT WEEKLY WORKERS MEETING MIKE FINK	REACHING ADULT ABSENTEES DAVID APPLE	LEADING ADULT CLASS MEMBERS TO SHARE THEIR FAITH BILL CRIDER	HOW TO START NEW ADULT CLASSES TED TAYLOR	THE SMALL CHURCH AND CLASS ORGANIZATION SARA MASSEY	THE ADULT DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS ROLE IN OUTREACH PAT PILAND	HOW TO FIND YOUTH PROSPECTS PAUL LEE	MOTIVATING YOUTH TO ATTEND BIBLE STUDY KAREN WARREN	HOW TO USE MY YOUTH TEACHER'S BOOK (REPEAT) LALA COOPER	HOW TO KNOW WHEN YOUTH ARE LEARNING (REPEAT) RUSTY HOLCOMB	
SAT. 1:00 P.M.	HOW TO BEGIN AND MAINTAIN A HOMEBOUND MINISTRY PAUL LEE	YOUTH SHOULDN'T HAVE ALL THE FUN: FELLOWSHIP IDEAS FOR ADULTS DAVID APPLE	HOW TO TEACH EVANGELISTICALLY BILL CRIDER	REACHING SINGLE ADULTS TED TAYLOR	THE ADULT CLASS MINISTERING IN THE SMALL CHURCH SARA MASSEY	THE ROLE OF THE ADULT DIVISION DIRECTOR PAT PILAND	YOUTH HELPING YOUTH JERRY SMITH	YOUTH OUTREACH FOR THE SMALL SUNDAY SCHOOL JOANNE WHITTEN	YOUTHPLUS IS WHAT? KEITH KLINE	IDEAS FOR YOUTH OUTREACH LEE SANDERS	
ROOM:	B 350	B 345	B 340	B 335	B 330	B 255	B 275	B 240	B 285	B 235	
FRI. 8:00 P.M.	CREATIVE IDEAS FOR CHILDREN'S OUTREACH ELLA WILLIAMS	I ONLY HAVE 40 MINUTES FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL LILY CULP	CHILD ABUSE OF CHILDREN - A CHURCH PROBLEM GLORIA MARTIN	1,2,3,4 - PREPARING A LESSON FOR A CHILD MARLENE TOMPKINS	CHILDREN AND CONVERSION BRENDA MARCHMAN	BASIC PRESCHOOL WORK IN A SMALL CHURCH BETTY DAVIS	HELP I'M A PRESCHOOL DIVISION DIRECTOR BARBARA MCCOOL	ONE ROOM TWO ORGANIZATIONS HOW DO I COPE? CINDY LUMPKIN	DO I NEED BEDS FOR A CRADLE ROLL? SARAH HARRELL	DEALING WITH A STRESSFUL CHILD RUTH GLAZE	
SAT. 9:00 A.M.	HOW TO DISCOVER THE NEEDS OF A CHILD ELLA WILLIAMS	HOMEMADE TEACHING TOOLS LILY CULP	WEBLY WORKERS MTG FOR ONE OR TWO WORKER CLASS BARBARA WILKINSON	101 WAYS TO TEACH A CHILD MARLENE TOMPKINS	"YOU WANT WHAT?" - TEACHING EQUIPMENT NEEDS PATTI EDWARDS	CREATIVE TEACHING METHODS FOR OLDER PRESCHOOLERS PEONY WARD	CREATIVE TEACHING METHODS FOR YOUNGER PRESCHOOL KATHRYN WAITES	DISCOVERING PRESCHOOL PROSPECTS TOBY DENISON	CREATIVE TEACHING METHODS FOR MIDDLE PRESCHOOL CAROL WILLIAMS	EXTENDED SESSION - A HELP OR A HINDRANCE JUDY HICKS	
SAT. 10:15 A.M.	WHERE HAVE ALL THE CHILDREN GONE? DON HICKS	HOMEMADE TEACHING TOOLS (REPEAT) LILY CULP	ACTIVITIES FOR A WEEKLY WORKERS MEETING BARBARA WILKINSON	101 WAYS TO TEACH A CHILD (REPEAT) MARLENE TOMPKINS	HOW MANY WORKERS DO WE REALLY NEED? PATTI EDWARDS	CREATIVE TEACHING METHODS FOR OLDER PRESCHOOLERS (REPEAT) WARD	CREATIVE TEACHING METHODS FOR YOUNGER PRESCHOOL (REPEAT) WAITES	HOW TO VISIT A PRESCHOOLER TOBY DENISON	CREATIVE TEACHING METHODS FOR MIDDLE PRESCHOOL (REPEAT) WILLIAMS	WHAT IS A PRESCHOOL RESOURCE ROOM JUDY HICKS	
SAT. 1:00 P.M.	I'M WORTH SOMETHING - DEVELOP SELF-ESTEEM RUTH GLAZE	"NOW I LAY ME DOWN TO SLEEP" - PRAYER FROM CHILD'S VIEW BRENDA MARCHMAN	HOW TO GROUP CHILDREN BARBARA WILKINSON	HOW TO SHARE A ROOM WITH A WEEKDAY PROGRAM CINDY LUMPKIN	SUNDAY SCHOOL IS MORE THAN SUNDAY MORNING PATTI EDWARDS	CHILD ABUSE OF PRESCHOOLERS - A CHURCH PROBLEM GLORIA MARTIN	ACTIVITY TEACHING IN A ONE TEACHER CLASS KATHRYN WAITES	HOME MADE TEACHING TOOLS TOBY DENISON	WHAT IS HAPPENING IN MY PRESCHOOL WWW CAROL WILLIAMS	MY ROOM IS TOO SMALL FOR THAT STUFF JUDY HICKS	

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Clarke Singers will tour

The Clarke College Singers, directed by Clark Adams, will begin their 14th annual tour on April 8. The tour will include performances in church worship services in several churches throughout Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida concluding with a trip to Disney World. The Singers group consists of students from Mississippi, Alabama, Florida and Alaska. They are active in television programs, banquets, conventions, conferences and on-campus programs. They are: Front row (from left): Janea Savell, Linden, Ala.; Kimberly Puckett, Magee; Carol Ann Adkins, Philadelphia; Misty Smith, Newberry, FL; Lisa Fletcher, Calhoun City; Rhonda Oney, Nikiski, Alaska; Back row: Prian Panell, Newton; Tim Johnson, Raleigh; Tony Hickman, Vicksburg. The group is accompanied by Mrs. Marian Thornton, director of Clarke College's Piano Preparatory Program.

Devotional

The judgement seat of Christ

By Kara Blackard

II Cor. 5:10

The judgement seat of Christ will occur following the rapture of the church. It is obvious that this judgement will not be for the purpose of determining a person's salvation. Only the redeemed will be present. The judgement seat of Christ is a time of judgement on the works of the Christian and the giving of rewards for those works that stand the test by fire.

One of the greatest incentives to holy living ought to be the knowledge that one day we must stand before the King of Glory and give account to him. Notice some things about this judgement.

I. **The Fact:** Paul said "we must." That is, there is no breaking this appointment with God. This is something that we must do. Many times in this world someone will commit a violent crime and yet never be brought to judgement. I remember an occasion where a woman confessed to killing her husband and yet a legal technicality set her scot-free. There will be no loopholes at the judgement seat of Christ.

Not only did Paul say we must, but he said we must "all." That is a sobering thought. Every one of us will give account for what we personally did. Sometimes folk get disgruntled and quit on God because of some offense that came their way. It is amazing, but true, that multitudes are but one offense away from quitting church! However, as a Christian matures and grows spiritually, he becomes increasingly aware that our goal in life is to please our Lord! Those who live in light of coming judgement will find themselves becoming more responsive to the Lord and less and less responsive to the things that would hinder.

II. **The Fire:** I Cor. 3:13 says our works will be tried by fire. There are only two kinds of works. Those composed of wood, hay, and stubble. And those of gold, silver, and precious stones.

The wood, hay, and stubble represent works of the flesh. It does not matter how beautiful they may appear at first. Soon their beauty fades and their value is lost. What is even worse, they will be burned at the judgement seat of Christ and lost forever.

The gold, silver, and precious stones represent works and service led by the Spirit of God. They do not deteriorate with time, nor does their beauty fade. At the judgement seat of Christ, they will pass the test of fire and bless us for all eternity. How careful we must be to do all that we do as unto the Lord. Let me illustrate. Recently, a pastor was voted out of his church. In coming days he was heard to say again and again, "I gave those people the best years of my life." Someone hearing him said, "What a shame that he didn't give those years to the Lord and now it wouldn't be lost!"

III. **Finish:** Paul said, "If any man's work shall abide, which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward" (I Cor. 3:14). The judgement seat of Christ is the grand finale to earthly service. That is, it is the payday for all we've done. After this judgement we will never be able to win another soul, encourage another brother, or be a blessing to someone who is hurting. It has truthfully been said, "It's now or never." May God help us so to live for Jesus that when we cross the finish line of eternity, God can say "Well done."

Kara Blackard is pastor, Wheeler Grove (Alcorn).

The man who died in my place

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the gashes where the whip had cut. He could see the blood oozing as the man's muscles worked to carry the cross. On his head was a mass of thorns formed into a circle and crushed upon his head. One had pierced the skin almost to his eyebrow. It was ghastly! Globs of spit still clung to his face. The hide had been ripped off where they had plucked his beard. Blood ran down into his eyes. He had never seen such cruelty.

Barabbas followed the crowd and watched as they compelled a stranger to help carry the cross to the top of the hill. Barabbas wanted to leave but couldn't. He had to see what would happen when they reached the top of the hill.

He was breathless as he reached the top. He was surprised to see his two friends already hanging on crosses. He could tell they were in much pain. On the ground there was another cross. On it they placed the fanatic, Jesus. The soldiers delighted the crowd when they took spikes and fastened his hands and feet to the wood. It took several of them to raise the cross. The man's weight made it difficult to lift. His weight pulled at the spikes. Blood poured! At last the cross fell into the hole with a thud.

Barabbas backed into the crowd. None seemed to notice how he smelled. He could smell himself. For a moment he was gripped with fear. What they were doing to this man they could have been doing to him.

Barabbas decided to leave before the crowd changed its mind about him. He would go into the desert where he knew he had friends. He might even go beyond Jordan. He thought to himself as he walked back toward the city, "It's a shame they killed that innocent man — but better he than me!" He thought to himself, a good bath, a good meal, a woman, a bottle of wine would lift his heavy spirit. As he disappeared into the city his mind wondered back to a scripture once read to him by his father, Isaiah 53:4-5-6; "Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows; yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon him, and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way, and the Lord has laid upon him the iniquity of us all."

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Deadline approaches for WMU conference at Ridgecrest

The deadline for making reservations to go on the state-sponsored trip to Ridgecrest for the WMU Conference is March 29. Mississippi WMU is sponsoring a plane/bus trip to the conference at a cost of \$525 per person. The dates of the conference are July 2-8, 1988.

Interested women may contact the WMU Department, Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205, 968-3800.



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Just for the Record



North Oxford Church (Lafayette Association) held a note-burning service on Feb. 21, in celebration of retiring the debt on its sanctuary. The sanctuary was completed in April, 1974.

Former pastor Jim Bain, now pastor of Istrouma Church in Baton Rouge, La., was the special guest speaker for the morning service. Members of the building committee, the finance committee, the trustees, and the deacons were recognized. Following the service the congregation had dinner on the grounds.



"Love In Any Language" was the theme for the first GA recognition service at Sandersville Church, Sandersville, Feb. 14. Those receiving badges are pictured, (l-r) Trina Ulmer, Kristi Hill, Kerri Lightsey, Lindy Hill, Darlene Holder, and K'Lynn McKinley. Leaders are Barbara Swindall and Joyce Smith. (Not pictured, Andrea Hill). Singing theme song, Christi Swindall.



Mrs. Lee Elkin, First Church, Starkville, who is 92 years old points to the block that she made for the MWU Centennial Quilt.

Canada legalizes abortion

TORONTO, Ontario (EP) — After 16 months of deliberating, Canada's Supreme Court ruled 5-2 to strike down the nation's laws restricting abortions in a mirror action of the U.S. Supreme Court Roe vs. Wade decision in 1973 which made abortion-on-demand a legal right of women in the U.S.

Previously, Canada permitted only therapeutic abortions approved by hospital committees, but this policy was ruled a violation of a 1982 amendment to Canada's Constitution.

LUTHERVILLE, Md. (BP) — The general mission board of the Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware has elected Robert E. Allen editor of the *Baptist True Union*, the convention's newsjournal, effective immediately.

The 59-member board also elected foreign missionary John L. Faris Jr., director of the resource management/stewardship promotion division for the two-state convention.

Allen, 32, has been a member of the

Don Stanfill is the interim pastor. He also serves as the director of missions for the Lafayette and Marshall Associations.

Pictured are (left to right) front row, Ken Bray (chairman of deacons), Stanfill, and Bain; middle row, Sid Wolfe, H. J. Wing, Dwight Sparks, Rabon Gullick, N. D. Logan, Mrs. N. D. Logan, and Sonny Grantham; back row, Bob Dowdy, W. L. Thompson, Paul James, Maurice Tubbs, Tom Patton, Loy Brown, Hosey Locke, and Charlie Leake.

Pocahontas Church, Hinds County, which burned Sept. 10, 1987, has signed a contract to rebuild with Corkern Construction Company. The rebuilding was slated to begin March 21. The new sanctuary and educational building will both be larger than before. The congregation is meeting at the Stringer Funeral Home in Clinton. Dolton Haggan is pastor.

Calvary Church, Petal, on March 27, at 6:30 p.m., will show the Billy Graham film "Cry From the Mountain." The film is from the producers of "The Hiding Place" "Joni," and "The Prodigal." For more information, call 583-8309, Mon.-Fri., 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Phil T. Harris is pastor.

Bibles reach 1,884

NEW YORK, N.Y. (EP) — The American Bible Society reported February 5 that the number of "Scripture languages" increased by 36 in 1987. This brings the total number of languages with at least one published book of the Bible to 1,884. Some of those may have only the Psalms, one of the gospels, or only an epistle translated, but even one book is a first step towards the entire Bible in that language, said the report. There are complete Bibles translated into 303 languages worldwide.

Vanilla Church, Lawrence County, will celebrate its 80th anniversary on Easter Sunday, April 3, with morning and afternoon services, and dinner on the grounds. There will be an Easter egg hunt for the children. Louis C. Scholle, former pastor, will deliver the morning sermon, and several things are planned for the afternoon including recognition of former pastors.

Buck Creek Church, Rt. 3, Richton, will have a dedication service on March 27. Services will be at 11 a.m. and dinner on the grounds followed by afternoon service. Gerald Aultman is pastor.

Russell Bush Jr., pastor, Main St. Church, Hattiesburg will lead afternoon services.

Maryland/Delaware elects editor, division director

True Union staff since June 1985, first as assistant editor and recently as associate editor. He replaces W. Fletcher Allen, who vacated the position Sept. 1, 1987, to become editor of the Tennessee Baptist Convention's Baptist and Reflector.

Faris, 38, administrator of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's Rwanda Baptist Mission since 1981, will join the Maryland/Delaware convention staff in July.

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11 ^{AM}	Great Churches of America (1)	Life Today	Life Today	Life Today	Life Today	Life Today	Jimmy Houston Outdoors Outdoor Magazine
12 ^{PM}	The Baptist Hour	Profile: Eugene Eugene Theatre	Profiles Eugene Eugene Theatre	World of Life Eugene Eugene Theatre	Praise and Eugene Eugene Theatre	Catch the Spirit Eugene Eugene Theatre	Pray Groom David Groom
1 ^{PM}	Sunday Selection	The Bible Sunday School Lesson
2 ^{PM}	..	COPE	COPE	COPE	COPE	COPE	Dinner and a Movie for a Movie
3 ^{PM}	Love Worth Finding Adrian Rogers	Psychiatry and Sunshine Factors	Psychiatry and Sunshine Factors	Psychiatry and Sunshine Factors	Psychiatry and Sunshine Factors	Psychiatry and Sunshine Factors	Sunshine Factors Safety Adventures of the Yukon
4 ^{PM}	Joy of Music Gloria of the Spirit	Shout the Bush Kangaroo Lester	Shout the Bush Kangaroo Lester	Shout the Bush Kangaroo Lester	Shout the Bush Kangaroo Lester	Shout the Bush Kangaroo Lester	Lone Ranger Adventures of the Lone Ranger
5 ^{PM}	Making Life Count Arthur Calender The Life	Adventures of the Lone Ranger 26 Men	Great Churches of America (1)	In Concert	Great Churches of America (1)	Sgt. Preston Bill Cosby Show	Pray From Leader
6 ^{PM}	Insight ACTS Methodist Hour	What's Happening Life Today	What's Happening Life Today	What's Happening Life Today	What's Happening Life Today	What's Happening Life Today	Country Crossroads
7 ^{PM}	In Concert
8 ^{PM}	The Baptist Hour
9 ^{PM}	Richard Jackson	COPE	COPE	COPE	COPE	COPE	Dinner and a Movie for a Movie
10 ^{PM}	Joy of Music Gloria	Profile: Writer	Profile: Writer	The Baptist Hour	The Baptist Hour	The Baptist Hour	The Bible and Sunday School Lesson
11 ^{PM}	This Is The Life Selection	Adventures of the Lone Ranger	Great Churches of America (1)	In Concert	This Is The Life	Great Churches of America (1)	Sunshine Safety Adventures of the Yukon
12 ^{AM}	Lone Ranger Adventures of the Lone Ranger
1 ^{AM}	Pray From Leader
2 ^{AM}	ACTS Methodist Hour	What's Happening	What's Happening	What's Happening	What's Happening	What's Happening	..
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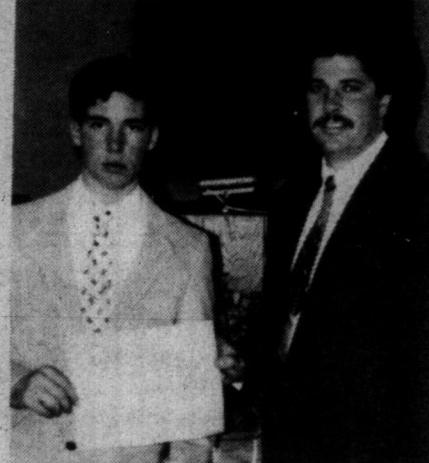


Names in the news



Pictured are Eddie Ruddick and Clarke College student, Mrs. Kitty Killen, who will be representing Clarke for Higher Education Appreciation Day — Working for Academic Excellence (HEADWAE), sponsored by the Mississippi Association of Independent Colleges on April 19, at the state capitol. This event, which will be observed on an annual basis, will recognize and publicize one faculty member and one student from each accredited non-profit, non-sectarian college or university in Mississippi. Ruddick is chairman of the Department of Religion at Clarke College. Mrs. Killen is a sophomore at Clarke whose field of interest is science.

OLD FORT, N.C. (BP) — Roscoe Al Lolley, 87, father of W. Randall Lolley, president of Southeastern Seminary in Wake Forest, N.C., died here March 5 after a long illness.



New Hope Church, Lee County, licensed Andy Dozier to the gospel ministry. Pictured are Dozier, left, and Rickey Blythe, pastor. Dozier, a sophomore at Tupelo High School, plans to attend Blue Mountain College after graduation.

FORT WORTH, Texas (BP) — Three Southern Baptist musicians were honored Feb. 18 by Southwestern Seminary for their contributions to church music.

The three were recognized at an honors luncheon during Southwestern's 36th annual Church Music Workshop. The honorees are Virginia Seelig, associate professor of voice emeritus at Southwestern; Clifford Holcomb, former specialist in music promotion and associational work for the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board; and Mabel Sample, professor of music at Westminster College in New Wilmington, Pa.

Victor Ray Ward, pastor of Tishomingo Chapel Church, Corinth, has been awarded the A. Min. degree by the Southern Baptist Center for Biblical Studies, Jacksonville, Fla.



Pictured (left) is Dan Howard, pastor of Woodville Church, Woodville, as he presents a Certificate of License to Christopher Sean Wheeler, who has recently surrendered to preach. Chris is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Wheeler of Woodville. He is presently attending William Carey in Hattiesburg.

RICHMOND, Va. — Robert E. Shoemaker, 44, will succeed retiring Homer Beaver July 1 as executive assistant to the president of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

Fred D. Howard is the writer of the Bible Book Study Commentary, Sunday School quarterly for teachers, on Matthew (Part 1), for April, May, June, 1988. Howard, native of Fulton, Miss., is a graduate of Mississippi College and has a doctoral degree from New Orleans Seminary. He has served as pastor in Mississippi and Louisiana and is now professor of religion and Greek and chairman of the Division of Christian Studies at Wayland Baptist University, Plainview, Texas.

Missionary news

Irvin and Annette Acree, missionaries to Uruguay since 1966, have resigned from missionary service. The Foreign Mission Board approved their resignation at its February meeting. They served as teachers in Montevideo, Uruguay. Both are natives of Poguson, Va. They may be addressed at Rt. 2, Box 156, Ruckersville, VA 22968.

Dot Emmons, missionary to Tanzania, has completed furlough and returned to the field (address: P. O. Box 1240, Moshi, Tanzania). A native of Mississippi, she was born in Lake.

Wayne and Florence Frederick, missionaries to Guadeloupe since 1969, have resigned from missionary service. The Foreign Mission Board approved their resignation at its February meeting. He was a general

evangelist and she was a church and home worker. He is a native of Shannon, Miss. The former Florence Blush, she was born in New Orleans, La., and grew up in Edwards, Miss. They may be addressed at Rt. 2, Box 106, Guntown, Miss. 38849.

Frank and Jerry Anne Pevey, missionaries to Tanzania, have arrived in Kenya for language study (address: P. O. Box 52, Limuru, Kenya). Both are natives of Mississippi and consider Skene their hometown.

Mrs. Louie M. Ray, mother of Charles Ray, missionary to Japan, died Feb. 4 in Fort Worth, Texas, his hometown. His wife is the former Mary Elizabeth Gilbert of Perry County, Miss. Appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1971, they may be addressed at 4-23-13 Chuo-Rinkan, Yamato-shi, Kanagawa 242, Japan.

Hugh and Debbie Redmon, missionaries to Venezuela, have completed furlough and returned to the field (address: Apartado 3588, El Trigal, Valencia, Carabobo, Venezuela 2002-A). Son of Southern Baptist missionaries in Costa Rica, he was born in Jackson, Miss., and considers San Jose, Costa Rica, his hometown. Daughter of missionaries to the Ivory Coast, she was born in Fort Worth, Texas, and considers Abidjan, Ivory Coast, her hometown.

Dickie and Dee Nelson, missionaries to Venezuela, have completed language study in Costa Rica and arrived on their field of service (address: Apartado 27, Barinas, Venezuela 5201-A). He was born in Newton, Miss. The former Diana (Dee) Jennings, she was born in Chickamauga, Ga.

Clarke sets Panther Day for high schoolers

Clarke College, Newton, is holding "Panther Day" April 9. This day is set aside to provide high school students a chance to see life on the Baptist campus.

The day begins with registration at 9 a.m., and get acquainted time at

9:30. A program begins at 11 in the Fine Arts Building with music by the Clarke College Singers. Lunch will be served at noon.

At 1 p.m. the students will be given admissions and financial aid information.

And at 2 p.m., the students will be seeing a baseball game between Clarke alumni and the current Clarke Panthers.

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Missionaries need help to survive resignation

By Leland Webb

RICHMOND, Va. (BP) — "The other day was your birthday, and you were on the prayer list," said a man to his friend who had resigned as a foreign missionary. "I want you to know I just marked your name off the list."

Maybe it was a joke, but that attitude doesn't help people who have resigned from overseas missionary service. Fortunately, it is not typical, according to former missionaries who responded to questions from *The Commission*, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board magazine. Respondents had been missionaries from six months to 31 years; the average was 7.5 years.

If resigning is still painful for me, "The decision we finally made to resign was much more difficult than the one to go in the first place," said a missionary who spent 15 years overseas. A couple who served four years responded: "We were prepared to do, but we were not prepared to return. It was much harder to accept this as God's will."

Many returned missionaries reported positive, or at least supportive, acceptance by church members and others at home. One man, now a long-term U.S. pastor after 11 years overseas, said, "Never at any time have we experienced negative responses from church members, family members, or colleagues."

Yet one reported, "There was real skepticism on the part of many chur-

ches, pastors and denominational leaders over our ability to resume a successful pastorate here in the U.S. after 15 years overseas, as if there was something wrong with missionaries who came home."

The percentage of loss by resignation among career missionaries is low, typically running around only three percent a year. Among non-Catholic missionary-sending agencies in the United States, this rate is "by far the lowest of any," said Louis R. Cobbs, director of the Foreign Mission Board's personnel selection department. He draws the comparison after direct contacts with numerous missions agencies.

The former missionaries responding offered suggestions about how they — and others facing post-resignation trauma — would like to be treated upon re-entering U.S. culture and church life: They want fellow Christians to recognize their freedom to follow God's will and change their place and type of ministry. Some would welcome help in getting re-established in the United States. The vast majority want to keep on being part of the missions team by sharing experiences.

A newly appointed missionary moves through a special program of orientation to get ready to leave the home culture and enter a foreign one.

But there's little orientation for one coming back. Re-entry shock is now

accepted as real for diplomats and businessmen returning to America after years abroad. But missionaries who resign also face drastic changes in their ministries and church relationships.

In suggestions for treatment at home, the returned missionaries hope for reinforcement through caring support and non-judgmental attitudes. One said he would like members "to understand that God's will is not necessarily tied to a geographical location — that one can be free to change places of service as God leads and circumstances change."

Another recalled, "By some we were almost made to feel that we had failed God by resigning."

The board for years has tried to provide a means by which returned missionaries might feel a part of the missions family. This is primarily done through Foreign Mission Fellowship.

Reasons leading to missionary resignation identified by respondents reflect a wide range and closely mirror types identified by the board's staff during years of studies. These generally fall into three categories: Physical or emotional health problems of a missionary or family member; frustrations on the field, inability to adapt, disappointments, some lack of harmony; and a sense that God is redirecting their ministry.

Leland Webb edits *The Commission* magazine.

SCRAPBOOK

Wash me . . . and cleanse me from my sins. (Psalm 51:2), to reveal his Son in me . . . (Gal. 1:16).

Christ revealed

I pasted kindness, glued some patience,
Taped some goodness to my frame;
I hung some righteousness and loving,
Plastered gentleness to my name.

He peeled bad habits; cleared rebellion;
Stripped temptation's hold on me;
He scrubbed off fear; and bleached my sinning
That hid his image constantly.

It's not the add-ons that can lift us,
Nor the patch-up job we do;
But removal of the coverings
Reveal Christ living in you.

—Erma Jewel Crowe
Greenville

Fruit-bearing

Last spring I planted
All kinds of garden seeds
With hopes that they'd furnish
Some food to meet our needs.

They came forth abundantly
I put their feet in earth.
They had to stand right there,
Not run and shout with mirth.

But they can lift their arms
Upward toward the sun
And grow and bear their fruit
Before their life is done.

The flower seeds I planted
With beauty for my goal
Grew with many colors
And gave joy to my soul.

Staunch and soldier-like each plant
Stands silent in the sod.
And with their wordless lips
With "fruit" they praise our God.

—Orena W. Adams
Calhoun City

NOTE: The BAPTIST RECORD cannot accept any new poems before some time in 1989. This is to give time and space to use the large supply of poems already on hand. Anyone who submits a poem at any time is requested to enclose a stamped, addressed envelope to reply or return.



Powerline for teens

*My father never says
"I love you"*

QUESTION

My father is a good person, but I don't think he has ever once said "I love you" or put his arms around me or kissed me. He's that way with my mother and other family members too. He acts like he thinks we are stupid and too boring to talk to. When he's rude to us, I get angry and then I lose my cool. This keeps the whole family upset, and then I'm ashamed because I have only made things worse for my mother. He says if I don't like it I can just leave. Isn't there anything I can do?

ANSWER

It's tough to keep peace in a family, even when everyone is trying to be cooperative and understanding. If any individual is not making an effort, it becomes even harder, especially if that person is the parent.

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The first step is to try to understand your father and why he reacts as he does. Examine both his present situation and his past experiences. Is he under special pressures at work or in his personal life? Is he preoccupied with business or other worries? We're not saying that any of this gives him the right to inflict all his bad feelings on the rest of the family. But if you know the factors involved in the situation, you may be able to come closer to find some solutions.

Second, realize that you can't control another person or dictate his actions. You are not responsible for what your father does or fails to do, and you are not responsible for keeping peace between him and your mother. Obviously you want to do all you can to make your home pleasant and peaceful. But don't let yourself be cast in the role of Rescuer or Scapegoat.

More important, hold onto your own sense of self-esteem. Look within yourself for the value and pride in being who you are, and look to God for the reassurance and acceptance you need in order to love yourself and others. Your own security as a person may be the key to breaking the cycle of rejection and resentment.

Atlanta downtown church approves process to move

ATLANTA (BP) — Members of First Church, here have approved a proposal authorizing Pastor Charles Stanley and a committee he will appoint to negotiate the sale of their downtown property and move to the suburbs.

Stanley, a former president of the Southern Baptist Convention, and his committee were asked "to proceed immediately" with selling the church's 16 acres in the Peachtree-Fifth Street area, and with purchasing new property in the suburbs on which to build.

Only a handful of members stood in opposition to the proposal from the church's deacons. Stanley estimated the total number of people who voted against the move in two morning worship services March 13 was less than 100.

At the two services, the 2,600-seat sanctuary was packed. Most voted in favor of the proposal presented by Guy Mosier, chairman of the church's deacons.

Full authority to negotiate the sale of the existing property and purchase of a new site was given to the committee to be appointed by the pastor. The committee was asked to "take all required action" and "execute all required documents."

No indication was given during the

Sunday morning worship services where the church would relocate or an expected sale price for the downtown property.

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